



The Catholic Relief Services Collection | Office of National Collections
3211 FOURTH STREET NE • WASHINGTON, DC 20017-1194
202-541-3400 • FAX 202-541-3460 • WWW.USCCB.ORG/NATIONALCOLLECTIONS

The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2023

Grants

Catholic Relief Services
USCCB Migration & Refugee Services
USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*
USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development†
CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)
Holy Father's Relief Fund

Administration

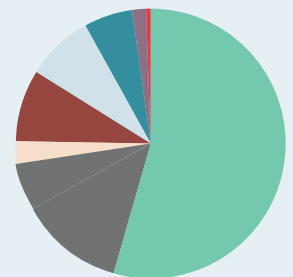
Promotion & Education Costs
Administrative Expenses

Amount

\$6,849,470
\$2,031,216
\$1,775,187
\$801,732
\$787,866
\$500,000

Percentage

52.03%
15.43%
13.49%
6.09%
5.99%
3.80%
2.77%
0.41%



* The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (\$1,150,833) and Asian and Pacific Island Affairs (\$624,354).

† The USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development includes International Justice and Peace (\$653,054) and education activities (\$148,678).

In June 2024, the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development was renamed the USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace.

2025 COLLECTION INFORMATION INSIDE

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



DEAR PASTOR/PARISH ADMINISTRATOR,

Millions of men, women, and children worldwide are coerced or forced through human trafficking into commercial sex activities, labor, and slavery—abuses that the Holy Father has called “a crime against humanity.” As part of its mission to proclaim Christ’s salvation and to restore and promote the dignity of all persons, the Church is called to combat trafficking and to bring comfort and healing to its victims.

The Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops carries out this mission through two anti-trafficking, anti-slavery programs. The Become a Shepherd program is a parish-based awareness campaign that educates lay and religious leaders to recognize human trafficking and combat it through public engagement and advocacy at the community level. The second initiative, COMPASS (Coalition of Organizations and Ministries Promoting the Abolition of Slavery at Sea), is a global effort in which international Catholic and non-Catholic partners coordinate to identify and assist victims of modern slavery encountered in the commercial fishing and seafood-processing industries.

The invaluable work to assist these victims of abuse and injustice is supported by funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your participation helps MRS and five other Catholic ministries to reveal Christ’s love to victims of trafficking, war, and natural disaster both around the world and here in the United States.

Four practical ways you can support The Catholic Relief Services Collection are to mention it at Mass, tell this story, use the parish appeal or bulletin announcements inside, and use the additional resources, including web ads and a social media tool kit, available at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection. If you have questions or need additional materials, please contact Margaret Hren, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3365 or mhren@usccb.org.

Thank you for **revealing Christ’s love** to people living on the margins of society. We could not do this without you. With every best wish and my assurance of prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads '+ Daniel Mueggenborg'.

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Chairman, USCCB Committee on
National Collections

PARISH APPEAL

Today we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies **reveal Christ's love** to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection today.

LLAMADO A LA PARROQUIA

Hoy realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection. El apoyo de ustedes a esta colecta ayuda a las víctimas de persecución y de desastres naturales, proporciona servicios legales a los inmigrantes de bajos recursos y aboga por las personas indefensas. Gracias a su generosidad, seis agencias **revelan el amor de Cristo** al refugiado vulnerable, a la familia inmigrante y a los pobres y marginados. Por favor, en oración, consideren contribuir hoy a The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

YOUR DONATIONS HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS THROUGH GRANTS TO THESE AGENCIES . . .

IN THE UNITED STATES

Reveal Christ's love by welcoming suffering refugees . . . through **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services** (MRS).

Reveal Christ's love through legal aid to struggling immigrants . . . through **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.** (CLINIC).

Reveal Christ's love in ministry to people on the margins . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

AND AROUND THE WORLD

Reveal Christ's love to hungry mothers and children through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services** (CRS), the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States.

Reveal Christ's love by working for peace . . . through the public policy and education and outreach work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace***.

Reveal Christ's love to the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

* In June 2024, the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development was renamed the USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGLISH

Week Before the Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Week of the Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

SIMPLE STEPS

Use these simple steps to promote The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). **How will you reveal Christ's love?**

1 Announce The Catholic Relief Services Collection in your parish, using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided here, so your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it. **This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.**

2 Preach about the challenges facing our world and about our call to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, both here in the United States and around the globe.

ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN

SPANISH

Semana antes de la colecta


La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables, aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta y **revelen el amor de Cristo** a los más necesitados. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Semana de la colecta

Esta semana realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection para **revelar el amor de Cristo** a nuestras hermanas y hermanos más necesitados. Esta colecta brinda subvenciones a seis agencias católicas, proporciona asistencia y apoyo a comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabaja por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados, aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a la colecta. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Semana después de la colecta

Muchas gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a The Catholic Relief Services Collection y por **revelar el amor de Cristo** a los pobres y marginados alrededor del mundo. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, todavía lo pueden hacer! Solo visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections para obtener más información. #iGiveCatholicTogether también acepta donativos para esta colecta (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).



Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for an electronic version of the text that can be copied into your parish bulletin.

3 Pray for the suffering and marginalized around the world using the prayer card that you can request in print format. A digital version is also available for you to download and share with parishioners at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection.